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EXPANSION OF TELECOM NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expanding communication network with a range of handsets, ATMs, Wireless sets and other electronic devices has made security more vulnerable;

(b) if so, whether an experts` conference held in New Delhi last year also cautioned the Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Licences for the private wireless communication networks are issued only after the security vetting of the applicant from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(b) No conference of experts on the subject was held last year under the aegis of the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.